

September 26, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Miscellaneous Proceedings Concerning Advanced Telecommunications  
Capability* -- CC Docket Nos. 98-147, 01-338 and 02-33

Ex parte presentation pursuant to C.F.R. §1.1206(a)(1)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Catena Networks, Inc. ("Catena") met today with William F Maher, Jr., Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Representing Catena were Gary Bolton and myself. Catena reiterated the arguments presented in its previous filings in these proceedings. In particular, Catena emphasized the need for prompt action by the Commission, because the current uncertainty was impeding investments by the carriers in remote terminal equipment such as Catena's. We explained how Catena's integrated line card technology provides a superior engineering solution to the problem of broadband deployment from certain legacy remote terminals to unserved and underserved consumers, as well as for most new remote terminal deployments.

We also emphasized the need for prompt action to remove the regulatory uncertainty and regulatory disincentives for new investment in light of the fragile state of the telecommunications manufacturing sector. Finally, Catena repeated the importance of establishing a nationwide policy, because the states were beginning to implement inconsistent obligations that in many cases were delaying or stopping investment in new broadband technologies by the incumbent carriers. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions with regard to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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